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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
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- [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- [] Applicant hereby petitions for a *One-month extension* and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the <u>First</u> month after the due date of <u>November 27</u>, 2003. The payment of \$110.00 to cover the <u>one-month extension</u> is enclosed herewith.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 27, 2003

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Applicant is enclosing a substitute declaration.